

QUICK TIP

The winter parking ban is in effect. See town website for details.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

at the Youth Center's outdoor skate rink on Saturday 1/24 from 5-8pm. Open to all North Andover residents, \$2 admission. Bring your own skates

**SUNDAY NIGHT
PUBLIC SKATING
at Brooks School**

Time: 6:40 - 8:40 pm

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Located at Dansforth Gymnasium at Brooks School. Please bring your own skates - NO rentals available .

Sundays through February 22nd.

Sponsored By: North Andover Youth & Recreation Services.

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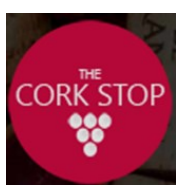
Community and Business

NEWSLETTER



Highlighted Business

Each newsletter the Town likes to let the residents of North Andover know what's happening in the community. One area we like to let folks know about is the local business scene. The business highlighted this month is **The Cork Stop**. If you get the chance, visit them at 1593 Osgood Street or go online and check them out and support your local business community!

**The Cork Stop**

North Andover's newest premier fine wine shop that also offers craft beers. Every wine and beer is hand selected. A variety of services that include event planning, private home and corporate wine tastings, and wine seminars are offered. They also offer beer and wine delivery service. Even better, they can deliver beer and/or wine with your food order from Jimmy's Pizza Bar & Grill.

Find them online at thecorkstop.com
Store location is 1593 Osgood St.



Ribbon cutting ceremony with proud owners, Valerie Gidaris-Papantonakis and Sophia Stamos, joined by their husbands and children. Selectmen Richard Vaillancourt and Rosemary Smedile participated in the ceremony. — at The Cork Stop.

New Central Fire Station

The construction of the new North Andover Central Fire Station has begun. Hutter Construction Corporation began work on the \$6 million project in early November, but the groundbreaking ceremony marked the official start of the construction process for the building, the first new home of the Town's fire department in over 100 years. Since 1909, the central fire station has been located at 124 Main Street. The building's small and outdated size forced the town to look into a new home for the Department. The construction is scheduled to be complete in September 2015 with the Fire Department personnel and apparatus moving in shortly thereafter. The Facilities Master Plan, approved at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, focuses on the construction and re-



North Andover town officials and Hutter Construction Corp. representatives celebrate the official groundbreaking of the new central fire station on Chickering Road.

facilities. Both the new School Department Administration building being built on Main Street at Osgood Street, as well as the fire station, are part of the plan which is funded without the need for a tax override. For more information about the Facilities Master Plan, please visit the Town website at Townofnorthandover.com.



Central Fire Station artist rendering

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

At the recent dedication of the new gym at Kittredge Elementary School, the prevailing theme was one that recognized how community comes together to support facilities for the improvement of student learning experiences. The student and adult energy and excitement contributed to a meaningful celebration.

In our schools, we have many successes to celebrate. Whether it's improved student achievement scores, examples of demonstrating respectful citizenship, musical performances, art displays, academic competitions, athletic contests or individual student writing pieces, each event allows for the celebration of success. While we all acknowledge each example can have room for improvement, being thankful for the success obtained contributes to additional incentive to improve.

During this season of giving thanks and recognizing others, many examples of success exist within our schools and community that deserve to be highlighted:

To the teachers and staff who each day exhibit dedication and professionalism to educating our students.

To the office staff who each day shuffle myriads of tasks to assist in the effective management of school, district, and municipal offices.

To the support staff who each day contribute to maintaining a

healthy and safe school environment.

To the administrators who each day tirelessly demonstrate management and leadership skills to support teaching and learning.

To parents and community members who each day volunteer talent and expertise to the schools as well as guiding the children of this community to be responsible citizens outside of school.

And finally, to the students who each day demonstrate an eagerness for learning, a respect for themselves and others, and a commitment to hard work and perseverance.

We are currently preparing to welcome new Kindergarten students. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2015, he/she will be eligible to attend kindergarten in the North Andover Public Schools. The NAPS kindergarten program is a full day program and is tuition free. During the week of January 12, 2015, the Superintendent of Schools will communicate to parents of eligible students how and when to pre-register for kindergarten. The data used to determine eligible students is taken from the Town Census. If your child's name is currently not on the Town Census, please contact Mrs. Joyce Bradshaw, Town Clerk, at (978) 688-9501 or jbradshaw@townofnorthandover.com to add your child's name.

NEWS FROM YOUTH AND RECREATION SERVICES

Winter Field Trips



Our winter field trips for all middle school children are now on sale! All of the trips have limited space (some only accept as few as 6 or 7 participants!) Spots are filling up fast, so we recommend registering online or at the front desk as soon as possible! More information on any of

these trips can be found on our website, www.nayouth.com.

Indoor Surfing – Wednesday 1/28, \$95 – Surf's up! Want to go surfing in the middle of the winter? Join us on a trip to SkyventureNH for indoor surfing!

Snow Tubing – Wednesday 2/4, \$15 at signup & \$30 on day of trip – Let's head to Amesbury Sports Park for an afternoon of

snow tubing!

Ski Trip – Saturday 2/7, \$40 at signup & \$55 on day of trip – Time to hit the slopes for a fun day of skiing at Waterville Valley!

Metro Rock – Wednesday 2/11, \$45 – We're taking on the indoor Challenge Course at Metro Rock! Ranging from 18 to 25 feet in the air, you'll find yourself navigating from platform to platform high above the ground.

CoCo Key – Tuesday 2/17, \$50 – Are you sick of the cold weather? Do you want it to be 84 degrees over February Vacation? Join us for a trip to CoCo Key Indoor Water Resort!

Indoor Skydiving – Wednesday 3/11, \$45 – Experience skydiving in SkyventureNH's indoor vertical wind tunnel. Experience the freedom of flight!

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

If you know of any lonely, home-bound seniors in North Andover who would like to have a visitor please contact the Senior Center. The visitor would visit for at least one hour a week and call a few times during the week to stay in touch with the senior. We are also looking for volunteers

to visit these home-bound seniors. This program helps the seniors stay in touch with the community and also helps our volunteers become acquainted with a senior. Please call the Sandy at 978 688 9560 or email: sflaherty@townofnorthandover.com.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The North Andover Board of Health approves regulations for the sale and use of tobacco and nicotine delivery products. After months of public deliberation, the Members of the North Andover BOH unanimously approved their updated local regulations regarding tobacco use and sales. Among the highlights of the regulation are; the restriction of the sale of many flavored tobacco products except in retail tobacco stores, the prohibition of the sale of blunt wraps, the end of the sale of inexpensive individual cigars priced

under \$2.50 and to not allow the sale of the emerging e-cigarettes to children under 18. To review the text of the entire regulation, please go to the Health Department's website at Townofnorthandover.com/Pages/NAndoverMA_Health/permitsandregs. The regulation will take effect on February 2, 2015.

